

**IV. Remarks.**

The Examiner entered the following rejections in the office action.

1. Claims 1, 2 and 4-15 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kempf, U.S. 3,052,107.

Applicant respectfully reasserts the arguments presented in its response filed 25 November 2003.

Further, amended claim 1 is patentable over Kempf because the reference does not teach an elastomeric member. Nor does Kempf teach an inertial member having an arcuate surface for determining an elastomeric stiffness or for mechanically retaining the inertial member within the elastomeric member.

2. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kempf, U.S. 3,052,107 in view of Haushalter, U.S. 3,077,090.

Applicant reasserts the arguments presented in its response filed 25 November 2003.

Further amended claim 1 is patentable over Kempf in view of Haushalter because neither reference teaches or fairly suggests an inertial member having an arcuate surface for determining an elastomeric stiffness or for mechanically retaining the inertial member within the elastomeric member.

Applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

**V. Fees.**

Any fees payable for this RCE and amendment may be deducted from deposit account 07-0475 in the name of The Gates Corporation.

Thank you for your attention to this case. If any questions arise, please call at the number below.

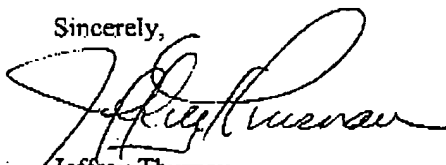
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